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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1965-66

This bulletin summarizes the results of the first collection of detailed statistics of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia.

The statistics were compiled from returns submitted by all known South Australian commercial hatchers and slaughterers covering their operations during the year ended 30th June 1966.

Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, e.g. farmers hatching egg-strain chicks solely for replenishing their own flocks, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage in respect of the hatchings and slaughterings of meat-strain chickens and of hatchings of egg-strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks.

Particulars of poultry slaughtered in the slaughterhouses during 1965-66 are given in the following table.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a) 1965-66

| Kind of Poultry | Number Slaughtered | Weight of Poultry Slaughtered | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Live Weight | Dressed Weight (b) |
| | '000 | '000 lb. | '000 lb. |
| Chickens (i.e. broilers, fryers or roasters) | 2,716 | 8,553 | 6,447 |
| Hens and stags | 197 | 970 | 653 |
| Ducks and drakes | 52 | 304 | 209 |
| Turkeys | 20 | 257 | 187 |
| Total | 2,985 | 10,084 | 7,496 |

- (a) Excludes geese slaughtered (during 1965-66, 444 geese with live weight of 3,979 lb. and dressed weight of 2,795 lb. were slaughtered).
- (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.

TABLE 2 -- EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

| Particulars | 1965 - 66 |
|--|-----------|
| | 1'000 |
| Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch - | |
| Meat strains | 5,089 |
| Egg strains | 4,464 |
| Total eggs | 9,553 |
| Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised - | |
| For chicken meat - | |
| Meat strains - unsexed | 3,501 |
| Egg strains (b) - crossbred and other cockerels | 274 |
| For egg production - | |
| Egg strains (b) - pullets | 1,525 |
| For breeding - | |
| Meat strains - pullets | - |
| cockerels | - |
| Egg strains - pullets | 70 |
| cockerels | 8 |
| Total chicks | 5,378 |

- (a) Excluding chicks destroyed.
- (b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. In 1955-56 the number so reported was 123,020.

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